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Terms Reasonable. Good Sample  
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**VALLEY HOUSE,**  
Near the Depot. Best accommodations in  
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drinks in their season. Oysters in every  
style.  
Forest Avenue, first door west of the Post-  
office.

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PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

A new and splendid line of goods,  
which I am selling at the very  
lowest figures. When you need any-  
thing in his line give him a call.  
First door north of Robinson & Ster-  
ett's hardware store.

## Slaughter Sale. Great Bargains For All.

During my absence from my business for  
the next four weeks I leave my store in  
charge of my popular and well-known  
clerks, John Berry, Robert Gwinn, Henry  
Born and assistants. These gentlemen  
have my instruction to

## CLOSE OUT

the balance of our summer stock regardless of  
**COST OR VALUE.**

We will need the room for our new goods and if a  
price will sell the goods we will have none left over.

## AMONG the BARGAINS!

To be sold are the following:  
1 lot best quality seersuckers, 8 1/2 c per yard.  
Zephyr Checks and Plaids, worth 20c for 10c per yard.  
Brocaded Wash Chambrays worth 22c, for 12 1/2 c per yard.  
White goods reduced to 50c on the \$1.  
Finest Lawns, Strictly Fast, 8 1/2 c.  
1 Lot straw hats from 25 to 75c each.  
1 Lot good plow shoes at 75c to \$1 per pair.  
1 Lot ladies gauze vests 25c.  
And many more big bargains in all departments.

## NEW YORK STORE J. D. WIENER, Propr.

## Mox Nix Aus!

**Ja es macht etwas aus!**  
wo man seine

**Schuhe und Stiefel kauft,**

Ob in einem Geschäfte das in einem Artikel, oder in  
vielen handelt. Wer viel auf einmal einkauft, von einem  
artikel kann billiger verkaufen. Probiert es in

**Goit's Shoe Store,**

E. W. etc Square,  
**Great Bend, Kansas.**  
Hier wird deutsch gesprochen.

The Caldwell papers are paid \$90  
each, monthly, for copies sent east.  
"That town is bound to grow," says  
the Hutchinson News.

AFTER the meeting of the state  
board of equalization of Kansas we  
find that the property valuation of the  
state has increased during the past  
year \$33,473,363.30, and that Kansas  
now ranks 20th in wealth, of the states  
in the Union. The board says that  
this year has been the most prosperous  
one ever known in the history of the  
state.

VOLUME I, No. 1 of the Hoisington  
Echo has reached our table. It is a six-  
column folio published by Kerr &  
White, and promises many things for  
the good of the county, also some  
things we don't think is for the good  
of Barton county, namely: It prom-  
ises to fight bitterly against the voting  
of railroad bonds on the 23rd inst.  
The Echo is a good enterprise for Hois-  
ington, and has its columns well filled  
with the advertisements of enterpris-  
ing business men of Hoisington. Joe  
Ewalt was down Sunday distributing  
copies of "the kid" Echo among Great  
Bend friends. Success to the venture,  
boys.

THE Pawnee Rock Leader of Thurs-  
day last takes a position against the  
voting of bonds to the Midland &  
Western railroad. The Leader makes  
no point in its opposition to the bonds  
other than the road will not run to  
Pawnee Rock, and will benefit Great  
Bend and Ellinwood. If our neigh-  
bors on the extreme west cannot enter-  
tain any but jealous feelings towards  
Great Bend, they certainly have no  
pride in their county, or no desire to  
benefit anyone but their own indi-  
vidual selves. All fair-minded men,  
we think, will recognize the benefit to

the whole county to be gained by an-  
other main line of railroad; and  
whether Pawnee Rock gets jealous or  
unreasonable or not, we believe the  
bonds will be carried in the county.

WE HEARD a young man ask last  
night what was the meaning of "Ad  
astra per aspera," on the Kansas state  
seal? It means, in the plainest of  
English, Kansas is bound to get on  
top of the pile with both feet, and is  
going to send down the halls of futu-  
rity such a rattling record of push, en-  
terprise, vim and perseverance as will  
awaken in the echoes of the years to  
come the loudest praises in the gift of  
enlightened man. It means that Kan-  
sas, to which a hundred thousand eyes  
are turned, and a hundred thousand  
ears are opened, is bound to march  
"through difficulty to the skies," and  
that Kansas people will stick to her  
through thick and thin, through wet  
and dry and hot and cold, and in the  
after years, when not a wave of trouble  
rolls across her peaceful prairies, will  
tell to their children and their chil-  
dren's children the true meaning of the  
motto which has been faithfully ver-  
ified in works.

## DOG IN THE MANGER.

A few papers in the East are up to  
their old tricks of crying "drouthy  
Kansas! burning Kansas!" because in  
some localities the report has gone  
forth that farmers are cutting up their  
corn to save the fodder, and in certain  
localities no rains have visited for  
months.

As a matter of fact, Kansas crop  
prospects are far better than the crop  
prospects of Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Neb-  
raska, or many other states which have  
been good corn-growing states. While  
in those states everything is a failure,  
corn, fruits, wheat, oats, rye, barley,

etc., and the country is much more  
densely populated and, therefore, will  
require more to feed it than it will to  
feed the people on the same area of  
land in Kansas, the crops in this state  
are not a total failure, the reports of a  
few correspondents to eastern papers  
to the contrary.

In many sections of the state there  
has been good wheat; almost every  
county in the state has had a good oat  
crop, and the corn that will be raised  
in Kansas this year will feed our peo-  
ple, or stock, and find its way into the  
mouths of many dissatisfied people in  
other states, who just now may be cry-  
ing out against drouthy Kansas.

In our own town there are a few  
men who always look upon the gloomy  
side of life, who are eternally growling  
about something that is going wrong,  
and when a farmer comes in and says,  
"Well, I guess my corn is gone up, if it  
don't rain," jumps at the conclusion  
that the whole state is bankrupted and  
the people are all going to starve to  
death. Generally, such men never  
stay long enough in one place to learn  
anything about the advantages of a  
locality, but they learn the disadvan-  
tages in no time at all, and their action  
in trying to spread discontent among  
the people shows that they are not  
looking for the good things of life at  
all.

Papers, whose patrons are packing  
up and preparing to move to Kansas,  
may cry out against us in order to  
keep their dissatisfied people from mak-  
ing a move for the better; but you will  
see our public buildings going up, our  
private enterprises pushing right  
ahead, and in a few more months you  
will see a grand rush for Kansas from  
every state in the Union.

## A Business Man Tells How Wich- ita Boomed.

We organized! We held almost  
nightly meetings, and among the first  
things we agreed to stick together and  
to stick by each other through thick  
and thin.

We advertised by hundreds of thou-  
sands of circulars. We set forth all our  
advantages that strangers who were  
led by our circulars to give us a call  
were not deceived, but on the contrary  
agreed that we had not put it as strong  
as we might. Every town in the east  
of any notoriety was not only served  
with our circulars, but our newspapers.

And the newspaper advertising did  
double duty. Our people made it a  
rule to advertise in our local papers,  
and ask all their friends to advertise.  
We then subscribed for a large num-  
ber of copies, loaded with local adver-  
tising and full accounts of our future  
prospects and great advantages, and  
we found by conversing with parties  
who finally came here prospecting, that  
the full advertising column of our pa-  
pers which they saw, did more than all  
else to impress them with the growth  
and importance of the place.

We found that we could not over do  
this thing—that the more we paid out  
for these purposes the more were our  
profits. Every new comer was a cus-  
tomer to most of our stores, and while  
their advertising paid them rich re-  
turns, it served the double purpose to  
impress the eastern man, who had an  
eye to business, with the fact that  
Wichita was in fact a rising town, and  
thus we have gone on, until we have  
an added population since I came  
here, of over 20,000, and property has  
increased in business places more than  
a thousand fold, and in the country  
round about us, the appreciation has  
been over four hundred per cent.

You have, in times gone by, done a  
great deal of advertising for me, as you  
know, that printer's ink is the best  
capital to boom a town. Had we not  
used it so unsparingly, Wichita would  
not have been any larger than Abilene.  
As it is, we now outrank any town in  
the state.—Wichita Eagle.

## Kansas Patents.

S. A. Haseltine & Bro., patent so-  
licitors, Springfield, Mo., send us the  
following list of patents which were  
issued to citizens of Kansas during  
the past week: Nut-lock, Charles A.  
Finley, Holton. Heel-support for  
rubbers, Harris M. Fisk, Topeka.  
submarine gun and port therefor,  
Ephraim H. Marsh, Cedar Vale.

The first "joint" case under Wich-  
ita's Metropolitan police "regime" was  
trotted out of court and now the  
"Mets" are imploring Atty-General  
Bradford to come down and help  
them enforce the prohibition law. In  
the mean time the joints run on un-  
molested.

## FIGURES WILL NOT MISREPRESENT.

From the Hutchinson News we glean  
the following statement of the amount  
of taxes paid in Sumner county by  
railroads, and the amount of interest  
on railroad bonds paid by the county  
for five years, from 1880 to 1886. The  
total interest paid is all that was paid  
on both county and township bonds.

NAME.	Year.	Am't Tax Paid.
Wichita & S. W. ....	1880	\$ 5,011 61
" " " " " " " " " "	1881	9,736 48
" " " " " " " " " "	1882	11,251 85
" " " " " " " " " "	1883	12,480 88
" " " " " " " " " "	1884	10,778 18
" " " " " " " " " "	1885	9,745 80
Southern Kan. ....	1881	10,384 18
" " " " " " " " " "	1882	11,801 35
" " " " " " " " " "	1883	12,484 65
" " " " " " " " " "	1884	11,858 66
" " " " " " " " " "	1885	10,284 23
St. L., Ft. S. & W. ....	1885	5,186 84

Total tax rec'd by Co. .... \$121,005 24  
Total am't interest paid. .... 95,226 00

Excess of tax. .... \$25,779 24  
This statement is made and sworn  
to by Wm. H. Berry, county clerk of  
Sumner county, and will furnish food  
for reflection to those of our readers  
who are interested in the railroad-  
bond question.

## Sam Jones' Latest Allegory.

"You have heard the expression,  
'the naked truth,' and perhaps you do  
not know how it originated," said Rev.  
Sam Jones in his Red Rocks sermon  
yesterday. "I will tell you. Once  
upon a time Truth and Error went in  
bathing together. Error came out  
first, and put on Truth's clothes and  
ran away. And Error has been trying  
to wear the same garments ever since.  
When Truth came out of the water the  
only clothing it could find to put on  
was what belonged to Error. 'Before  
I will wear such garments as those,'  
said old Truth, 'I will go naked all my  
life.' Truth has kept his word, and  
goes through the world naked, without  
frill or bang or bustle or anything else."  
—St. Paul Globe.

## EXCHANGE GLEANINGS.

The eighth annual premium list of  
the Western National Inter-State  
Fair Association to be held at Bis-  
marck Grove, Lawrence, Kansas,  
Sept. 5th to 11th has been received.  
The premiums offered are liberal and  
the managers are determined to make  
the exhibition a success.

A Tennessee farmer whose land  
was under mortgage and about to be  
taken away from him, fell on his  
knees in the field in prayer. When  
he got up he seized the plow handles  
with a new grip, gave the old mule a  
vigorous lick, and before he had gone  
twenty feet turned up a jug with over  
\$600 in gold and silver in it.

She (thoughtfully)—George, dear,  
are there no times in your life when  
the pathos and truth of that most  
beautiful of all songs, "Home, sweet  
home, there is no place like home,"  
appear to you with startling vividness,  
and fill your soul with longing?

He (a base ball player)—Yes,  
indeed, particularly when I'm on third  
base with two men out.

A large number of fellow mortals  
over in the region of country called  
Utah are desirous of coming into this  
grand old ship called the Union, but  
they have come queer notions. They  
want to come in squads. It is proper  
to inform them, however that they  
can't do it. This country is run to  
some extent, on the principle of estab-  
lished precedent. Its pilots are not  
solicitous of another deluge. They  
understand that old Mr. Noah was a  
righteous man. Whatever he took  
into his dominion, commonly called  
the ark, had to waltz in pairs. Our  
pilots are running the ship of state on  
about the same principle. They are  
following Mr. Noah's precedent. If  
the Utahans want to "jine" us they  
must come in same as Mr. Noah took  
in the stock of his day—in pairs. It  
is safe to consider that matter settled  
and certified to.—Kinsley Graphic.

The Rush Center News is warning  
the citizens of that town to keep a  
sharp lookout for rattle snakes in  
their yards, as several have already  
been found within the corporate lim-  
its of that village.

## GALA NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS.

Dorris & Colvin's Big Show Had All  
The People It Could Hold.

Last night was a busy one at the  
show. Thousands of circus-goers  
waited 'til the clouds rolled by and  
then flocked into the big tents of the  
Dorris & Colvin show. The rope was  
stretched across the entrance to the  
big circus and hippodrome tent, and  
late-comers were forced to stand in the  
entry-way leading to the great menag-  
erie tent. The audience was certainly  
as well behaved and delighted as it was  
large, and the performers were, it  
might be said, inspired, so spirited and  
lively were the acts they performed.  
One thing must be said of the big show,  
and that is that every actor is a fin-  
ished artist and every act a perfect  
picture toned with artistic skill. The  
circus performers are, without doubt,  
the best that we have had here for  
some time, and the riding, leaping,  
tumbling, aerial juggling, contortion,  
gymnastic and other acts cannot be ex-  
celled.

The Roman hippodrome riders are  
all trained jockey and hippodrome ar-  
tists, and the horses blooded stock,  
second to none of the crack flyers of  
any racer's stable. The ancient Ro-  
mans may have ridden well; we are not  
old enough to speak from actual obser-  
vation, and we concede that they were  
when the coliseum had its day; but if  
they rode any better or faster, any finer  
and braver, any more graceful than  
the Dorris & Colvin riders do, they cer-  
tainly rode at such a pace and in such  
a way that the most cautious critic  
should praise without stint. The hip-  
podrome presents the most dashing, fly-  
ing, whirling, tearing scene we have  
ever beheld. The very best of equest-  
rian achievements are daily and  
nightly presented there.—Cincinnati  
Enquirer.

Lookout for this show in Great Bend  
on the 18th of August.

"Heah dem bells a ringin'! O,  
don't you hear dem bells?" We mean  
the street-car bells.

D. M. Lazarus, of the Boston, has  
just had put up an attractive canvas  
awning in front of his storeroom.

H. M. Sumners has put up a new  
wind mill on his premises, east side.  
He is going to have plenty of water,  
and have it handy, too.

A number of our readers are kind  
enough to send in any little item of  
news they may know of, for which we  
are very thankful. Just at this time  
of year local news is as hard to find  
as a girl of sixteen who has not been  
in love.

President Cleveland has declined  
to receive any committees of invitation,  
therefore we would suggest that the  
boys who were arranging to go and  
see him about coming out to Great  
Bend, defer their visit and write their  
invitation on a postal card.

During the season when thunder  
and lightning are frequent all chil-  
dren should be taught that when  
they see a flash of lightning and hear  
the thunder clap, there is no danger  
to them from that lightning. Many  
children, and grown people too, get  
worked up into a nervous state of fear  
that often prostrates them just as  
soon as it begins to lightning.

The buying of books on the in-  
stallation plan has proven quite a sat-  
isfactory method of obtaining a li-  
brary to many people. Mr. E. F.  
Neidick, who is at present canvassing  
the city and surrounding county, is  
offering special bargains in Chamber's  
Encyclopedia, recently revised, and  
in Shakespeare's works complete, hand-  
somer bound and finished in extra  
fine style. Examine these two books  
especially.

Daniel Pratt, "the great American  
traveler," who recently died at the  
Boston city hospital, was a curious  
character. He was of unsound mind,  
and for years wandered about the  
country making speeches and dis-  
courses wherever he could find an au-  
dience. He had traveled from Maine  
to California several times. He was  
very fond of lecturing to Harvard  
students, and they gave him all sorts of  
counterfeit diplomas and decorations.  
He was a printer by trade.

Many of our oldest residents, who  
were here in 1877 or '78, will remem-  
ber the man who gave lectures on a  
goods box at Allen's corner, and  
among other things recited a parody  
on Poe's "Raven," which was after-  
wards printed by one of the offices  
here in Great Bend. This was "The  
Great American Traveler," Daniel  
Pratt.